

"I am returning herewith, without my approval as to one section, House Bill No. 1647, entitled:

"AN ACT Relating to the sunset termination and repeal of the public disclosure commission, of the powers and duties of the commission, and of the programs administered or enforced by the commission."

Section 3 of this bill would have restricted registered lobbyists from serving as executive state officers as that term is defined by RCW 42.17.2401 in the Public Disclosure Act. I do not believe that there has been a demonstrated need for this legislation or that the far-reaching effects have been recognized. Leaving this provision in the legislation would exclude persons who are appointed to any of the many boards or commissions of this state. Most of these positions are part-time and only minimally compensated by expense reimbursement. In this regard, section 3 would unfairly restrict the activities of those who serve on the state's boards of regents, boards of trustees and the numerous other boards and commissions.

With the exception of section 3, House Bill No. 1647 is approved."

CHAPTER 273

[Senate Bill No. 4506]

STATE BOARD OF HEALTH—SUNSET PROVISIONS REPEALED

AN ACT Relating to the state board of health; creating a new section; and repealing RCW 43.131.213 and 43.131.214.

[Be it enacted by Legislature of the State of Washington:]

****NEW SECTION. Sec. 1. The office of financial management, in cooperation with the state board of health, the social and health services committee of the house of representatives, and the human services and corrections committee of the senate, shall study the desirability and feasibility of consolidating into a single state agency existing public health and environmental health services presently administered by the departments of social and health services, ecology, agriculture, labor and industries, and fisheries.***

The office of financial management shall report to the appropriate committees of the legislature no later than December 1, 1986, on the results of the study. The report shall include: Recommendations on consolidation; any necessary legislation to implement the consolidation; and other options considered, but not adopted and the reason for rejection.

*Sec. 1 was vetoed, see message at end of chapter.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 2. The following acts or parts of acts are each repealed:

(1) Section 33, chapter 99, Laws of 1979, section 16, chapter 235, Laws of 1983, section 29, chapter 213, Laws of 1985 and RCW 43.131.213; and

(2) Section 75, chapter 99, Laws of 1979, section 17, chapter 235, Laws of 1983, section 30, chapter 213, Laws of 1985 and RCW 43.131.214.

Passed the Senate March 6, 1986.

Passed the House March 6, 1986.

Approved by the Governor April 3, 1986, with the exception of certain items which were vetoed.

Filed in Office of Secretary of State April 3, 1986.

Note: Governor's explanation of partial veto is as follows:

"I am returning herewith, without my approval as to section 1, Senate Bill No. 4506, entitled:

"AN ACT Relating to the state board of health."

Section 1 of this bill would require the Office of Financial Management to conduct a study of the feasibility of consolidating public health and environmental health functions into a single state agency. An extensive study of this issue has already been completed, conducted by a joint committee of the Legislature. Another study of this same topic is unnecessary and would be duplicative. I have, however, directed my Executive Cabinet to review these programs and to develop a plan for a more efficient and effective alignment of public health and environmental health services.

For this reason, I have vetoed this section. With the exception of section 1, Senate Bill No. 4506 is approved."

CHAPTER 274

[Substitute Senate Bill No. 4596]

MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES FOR CHILDREN

AN ACT Relating to community mental health services; amending RCW 71.24.015, 71.24.025, 71.24.035, 71.24.045, and 71.24.155; adding new sections to chapter 71.24 RCW; creating a new section; and providing an effective date.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Washington:

Sec. 1. Section 2, chapter 204, Laws of 1982 and RCW 71.24.015 are each amended to read as follows:

It is the intent of the legislature to establish a community mental health program which provides for:

(1) Access to mental health services for ((residents)) adults and children of the state who are acutely mentally ill, seriously disturbed, or chronically mentally ill, which services recognize the special needs of underserved populations, including minorities, children, the elderly, disabled, and low-income persons. It is also the purpose of this chapter to ensure that children in need of mental health care and treatment receive the care and treatment appropriate to their developmental level, and to enable treatment decisions to be made in response to clinical needs and in accordance with sound professional judgment while also recognizing parents' rights to participate in treatment decisions for their children;

(2) Accountability of services through state-wide standards for management, monitoring, and reporting of information;

(3) Minimum service delivery standards;